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1. North Korean efforts in industrial development were directed towards heavy industry and factory construction, to the neglect of other phases of exploitation. To counteract this concentration, plans were made for exploitation of raw materials such as minerals and timber. The lumber production program calls for 500,000 cubic meters of logs and 250,000 cubic meters of finished lumber. 50X1-HUM
2. The development is scheduled largely for the Musan (129-10, 42-10) area. four or five lumber mills with modern machinery had been constructed and housing completed for workers. Some timber had already been cut (amount not stated). 50X1-HUM
3. To expedite transportation of lumber to manufacturing centers, the railroads had been expanded, with new construction into forested areas and the reorganization of local railroad administration to provide better service. The Railroad Administration Bureau of Haeju (125-42, 38-02) was merged into the Pyongyang Railroad Administration and a new bureau was established at Anju (125-40, 39-36) because of its important situation on the lines from Sunchon (125-56, 39-26) to Manpo-ri (127-17, 39-15), from Sinanju (125-36, 39-36) to Kaechon (125-58, 39-40) and the Pyongui line from Yohyon-ni (126-26, 38-00) to Sinuiju (124-24, 40-06). Newly constructed railways in the Musan area are under the jurisdiction of the Anju Bureau. 50X1-HUM

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